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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 3000 BLOCK OF NORTH RICHEY BOULEVARD

*****UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2, 2016*****

During the initial investigation, Homicide Detectives discovered that the victim's vehicle was missing from the residence. Family members advised that no one should be in possession of the vehicle, so it was immediately reported stolen. Detectives also learned that 31-year-old Clifford Frederick Gant had been staying with the victim for the last several months. Detectives were unable to locate Gant, but learned that the victim's vehicle had entered Mexico through the San Ysidro Point of Entry on August 29, 2016. Images showed Gant was driving the vehicle as it entered Mexico. Based on that information and evidence collected at the scene, detectives were able to obtain a felony arrest warrant for First Degree Murder on Clifford Frederick Gant. On September 1, 2016, Gant was stopped by the U.S. Border Patrol as he attempted to re-enter the United States on foot at the San Ysidro Point of Entry. Gant was booked into the San Diego County Jail on his felony warrant. Homicide Detectives from the Tucson Police Department responded to the jail and spoke with Gant, who is currently awaiting extradition back to Tucson. Gant's booking photograph from the San Diego County Jail is attached below.

The victim in this case has been identified as 52-year-old Kathleen Lorraine Huffer. Next of kin has been notified.



Clifford Frederick Gant

Sergeant Pete Dugan – September 2, 2016

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The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a homicide that occurred last night in the 3000 block of N. Richey Blvd.

On August 30, 2016, just before 7:25 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown were patrolling in the area of Presidio Rd and Richey Blvd. At approximately 7:30 p.m., officers were requested, by individuals on scene, to check the welfare of a woman residing in a nearby residence. Shortly after officers made entry into the residence, they located an adult female victim with obvious signs of blunt force trauma. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. The identity of the victim is being withheld, pending next of kin notification.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Homicide Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation.

The investigation is in the early stages and additional information will be released as it becomes available. The detectives are urging anyone with information to please call 911 or 88-CRIME.

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